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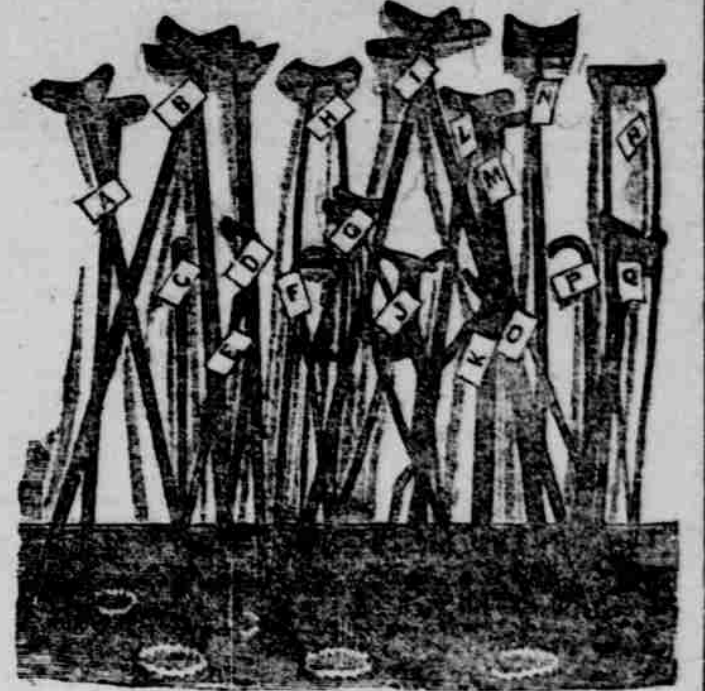
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### LONG DISTANCE PHONE

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Its Beginning.

### ALEXANDER BELL'S WORK

Stages of His Experiments with the Wire.

Boston, April 3.—It is a quarter of a century since the beginning of long distance telephony.

Before 1879, no telephone message had been transmitted from one city to another, and the idea that the sound of the human voice could be carried over a wire 40 or 50 miles in length was not generally entertained. It was, however, firmly fixed in the minds of the men who had recently formed the Bell Company, and they even then predicted that the time would come when the country would be covered by a harmonious network of telephone wires, and the distance over which conversation could be carried on would be measured by hundreds and thousands of miles, bringing the entire population in communication through a single universal system.

Three years after the invention of Alexander Graham Bell had been exhibited at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia and had excited the curiosity of the world, rather a scientific novelty than a practical utility, these men in the New England company authorized the construction of a line from Boston to Lowell, a distance of 25 miles. When the wire had been strung it was found that they were right in their expectations, and the value of a person speaking in Boston could be heard by the person at the receiver in Lowell. Even then the public failed to grasp the significance of this achievement, and it was regarded largely as an experiment until a business transaction, involving several hundred thousands of dollars, was brought to a successful consummation by conference over the line between the two Massachusetts cities. Papers were drawn at Boston, agreed to by those present and then read to the parties in Lowell. Amendments were suggested and discussed, until the document was satisfactory to all the persons interested.

The news of this transaction spread far and wide and did much to awaken in the minds of business men a realization of the commercial possibilities of the telephone, while it served to stimulate the engineers and experts employed by the company in their endeavors to perfect the system. Although it was possible to use the Lowell line for business purposes, the apparatus was crude and imperfect in operation. But the beginning had been made on that career of progress in long distance telephony which is one of the

marvels of the modern industrial world. From the first it was evident that some better conductor must be found than the iron wire then in use, and within six years from the date of the Lowell experiment a hard-drawn copper wire had been made and tested in actual operation, and the ability to converse over long distances, as the term is understood today, has been the result of the use of this medium.

The first experimental line in which copper wire was used was that from Boston to New York, completed in 1884 and this was in turn followed by extensions to Philadelphia and other points of commercial importance, so that the cities in the eastern section of the country were soon linked together. Then the lines were pushed westward, and on October 21, 1890, Professor Bell, in the presence of a company of distinguished electricians and officers of telephone companies, spoke into a transmitter in the city of New York, and the message was heard in Chicago. Less than three months later, on the 7th of the following February, Governor William F. Russell of Massachusetts, surrounded by a group of men prominent in the affairs of the Bay state, opened the line from Boston to Chicago, and during the Columbian Exposition held in the western city later in the year, there were many occurrences which brought home to the minds of the people the fact that what had been exhibited as a toy at the Centennial Exposition has become a factor of vast importance in the world of affairs.

In what unexpected ways the long distance telephone fits into the occurrences of every day life was early illustrated by an incident in the visit of a distinguished educator to the fair. It was one of the first and most notable instances in which the telephone has been used to locate a man visiting a city far from his home. An important matter at Harvard university required the action of President Eliot, then in Chicago. The residence at which he was a guest was called by telephone, only to learn that President Eliot had left the fair a few minutes before the message was received, and was not expected to return until late in the evening. It was explained to the president's host that the question was one of emergency, and the Chicago man called upon the president of the telephone company for assistance. The police department of the fair was at once communicated with by telephone, and by means of the same instrument a description of President Eliot was given to the guards at the entrance gates, with instructions that when he entered the grounds he was to be requested to go to the office of the chief of police. Consequently, much to the surprise of the head of the university, as he passed the turnstile, an officer approached him, and after asking his name told him that he was wanted at headquarters. President Eliot was escorted to the presence of the chief, and then learned that he was desired at the telephone exhibit. On reaching that point, the full nature of the errand was explained to him, and he was soon placed in telephone communication with Harvard university. What was done that day, probably for the first time, has now become of common occurrence, and it frequently happens that telephone messages are sent broadcast to locate some

man who is traveling from place to place. The early operation of the line to Chicago afforded a marked illustration of this happening of that which has previously been demonstrated to be an impossibility. A distinguished English electrician was among the visitors to the exposition, and was given the courtesy of the line to Boston, in order that he might experience the unprecedented opportunity of speaking over such a great distance. By

station over an area of more than a quarter of a square mile. An earlier instance is that of the great English physicist who prophesied during the building of the first trans-Atlantic steambath that it would be impossible for a steamer to carry sufficient coal to cross the Atlantic, and, as a matter of fact, this man himself came from England to America as one of the passengers on the first trip of the steamer.



OPENING THE LONG DISTANCE LINE TO CHICAGO. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, carrying on the first conversation between New York and the Western Metropolis.

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in such a manner that through the various switchboards the circuit can be branched from point to point to reach the desired destination, the largest circuit ever made being that from Boston to Little Rock, about 1,500 miles. This was an emergency case, as a man wished to ask for information and receive a reply at once relative to some fluctuations in the cotton market.

In the quarter century while this expansion has been taking place there have been numerous changes and improvements in the apparatus. The first purpose and conception of a telephone exchange was merely to afford communication between individuals in one village or town through a single switchboard, and it was a coincidence that the magnet switchboard in general use was easily adapted to provide connections to switchboards in other towns. In certain portions of the country, where the Law switchboard was used, when the systems were extended to afford communication from town to town, it was necessary to build an addition of dissimilar design to the switchboard, like the addition of a store to a dwelling house. But such expedients were known to be temporary, and apparatus and methods were rapidly brought into harmony with new conditions. So universal is long distance telephony that it is hard to realize that 25 years ago it was practically unknown. Many business men talk daily with associates hundreds of miles away, and one concern in an eastern city uses every morning a line 1,500 miles in length.

While the art of long distance telephony has not yet reached a point where people on the Pacific Coast may talk to those on the Atlantic seaboard and the news of towns on the great Lakes be transmitted by telephone to the cities on the Gulf, nevertheless 500,000 of the 50,000,000 people in the United States are within reach of the telephones of the Bell system, and the close of the next quarter century, 50 years from the date of the opening of the Pacific Coast may talk to those on the Atlantic seaboard and the news of towns on the great Lakes be transmitted by telephone to the cities on the Gulf, nevertheless 500,000 of the 50,000,000 people in the United States are within reach of the telephones of the Bell system, and the close of the next quarter century, 50 years from the date of the opening of the Pacific Coast may talk to those on the Atlantic seaboard and the news of towns on the great Lakes be transmitted by telephone to the cities on the Gulf, nevertheless 500,000 of the 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